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476 Marlborough Road
Brooklyn, NY 11226

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James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Pehrkon:

A private firm, Aristotle International, is selling campaign contribution data from the FEC. It is my understanding that this practice is illegal at this time.

Below are two websites which describe the availability of two databases of campaign donors: one called "California Gold Rush" and the ^{one} known as "Fat Cat".

<http://www.aristotle.org/stateContributorLists.asp>

<http://accounting.software-directory.com/cdprod1/swhrec/006/857.shtml>

You can contact Aristotle International at these two locations:

Jay MacAniff,
Director of Communications
Aristotle International
2266 Union St.
San Francisco, CA 94123
Telephone: 415-440-1075

Dean Phillips
Aristotle Publishing
205 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Please treat this letter as a formal complaint about the practice of selling campaign contribution data derived from FEC sources.

Sincerely,



Michael Ravnitzky

cc: Darryl R. Wold, FEC Chairman
✓ Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel
Lynne A. McFarland, FEC Inspector General

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